UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	X :	USDC SDNY DOCUMENT ELECTRONICALLY FILED DOC #: DATE FILED: 09/11/2019
	:	13 Civ. 7789 (LGS)
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LORNA G. SCHOFIELD, District Judge:

WHEREAS, by letters to Chambers dated August 28, 2019, Plaintiffs requested leave to file in redacted form or under seal Plaintiffs' Motion for Issuance of a Hague Convention Request for International Judicial Assistance to Take Testimony Overseas and supporting papers. It is hereby

ORDERED that Plaintiffs' redaction and seal requests are GRANTED with respect to the Hague Convention request regarding Perry Stimpson. Although "[t]he common law right of public access to judicial documents is firmly rooted in our nation's history," this right is not absolute, and courts "must balance competing considerations against" the presumption of access. *Lugosch v. Pyramid Co. of Onondaga*, 435 F.3d 110, 119–20 (2d Cir. 2006) (internal quotation marks omitted); *see also Nixon v. Warner Commc'ns., Inc.*, 435 U.S. 589, 599 (1978) ("[T]he decision as to access is one best left to the sound discretion of the trial court, a discretion to be exercised in light of the relevant facts and circumstances of the particular case."). Filing the above-referenced documents in redacted form or under seal is necessary to prevent the unauthorized dissemination of confidential business information. It is further

ORDERED that Plaintiffs shall send to the Chambers Inbox a copy of the above-referenced Hague Convention request in Microsoft Word format by **September 25, 2019**.

Dated: September 11, 2019 New York, New York

LORNA G. SCHOFIELD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE